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## **AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL**

SIR:

Applicants enclose herewith an Amendment in response to the Final Office Action mailed on June 10, 2009.

This Amendment is being filed concurrently with a Notice of Appeal.

Applicants request a **three-month** extension of time to respond to the Final Office Action mailed June 10, 2009, resetting the response date to December 10, 2009. Payment of the **three-month extension of time** in the amount of \$1,110.00 accompanies the Notice of Appeal.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees required, or to credit any overpayment, to the deposit account of **Kenyon & Kenyon LLP**, deposit account number 11–0600.

Respectfully submitted,

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